

## THE CHANGE NOT GREAT IN SITUATION

### EUROPEAN WAR FIELD HAS SAME ASPECT AS HELD FOR SOME WEEKS. LATEST MEXICAN NOTE

## HUGHES STARTS ON CONTINENTAL TRIP

### PROGRESSIVES DECIDE ON NO TICKET. ROBINS DECLINES THE DEMOCRATIC OVERTURES. COMES OUT FOR HUGHES

French troops have completely recaptured the village of Fleury, northeast of Verdun, as well as the entire German system of trenches from Thiaumont to Fleury, extending as far as Hill 320, according to the official statement issued by the Paris war office.

All reports from the Verdun region indicate that the French offensive is growing rapidly in vigor and scope.

Military experts see great significance in this new move of the French and regard it as a part of some great scheme of strategy that will show developments on the Russian front and possibly in the Balkans.

Verdun was an absolute failure for the Germans because it was their whole operation. A year ago the western offensive of the Allies was a failure, relative only, because while it failed to pierce the German lines, it took pressure off the Russians at a critical moment by compelling the Germans to direct attention and reserves toward the west, but it was successful only as a defensive operation.

If the Russians continue to advance, the Allied offensive is a success even if the German lines in the west hold out. It is essential to view the whole field as one. It is not that an isolated attack upon the Central powers has failed in the west, temporarily at least, while another in the east has succeeded temporarily. What is the fact is that the Allies are storming the Central power's lines on the east and the pressure on the west has and the west at the same moment prevented the Germans from sending the troops to the east which are required to hold the eastern line.

The Germans have suffered further losses at the hands of the French between Helwood and the river Somme, losing there a line of their trenches and 120 prisoners and ten machine guns, and also in the Verdun sector, where the French made progress south of the Thiaumont work and captured five machine guns and took some houses in the western part of the village of Fleury. After a heavy bombardment of the British positions, the Germans launched violent infantry attacks north and northeast of Pozieres, and at two places succeeded in entering British trenches. Their success was not long lived, for the British soon drove them out, inflicting heavy casualties on them.

### In Mexico.

It has been officially announced at the Mexican foreign office that Luis Cabrera, Ygnacio Bonillas and Alberto Pani have been selected as the commissioners to negotiate with the United States commissioners regarding the questions at issue between Mexico and the United States. The commission will be headed by Senator Cabrera and Juan B. Rogo will act as secretary.

Luis Cabrera is Carranza's minister of finance and leader of the administration party. Ygnacio Bonillas is under-secretary of communications. He left Mexico City July 31, bound for New York. Alberto J. Pani is president of the National railway of Mexico.

The United States will not accept

the latest note from General Carranza and appoint American commissioners to sit with the Mexican members in the commission to adjust the difference between the two countries until all doubt as to the exact meeting of Carranza's communication, delivered to the state department has been cleared up.

Carranza stated that he considered it "of the greatest importance that a prompt decision be reached on the points which have caused the existing differences between the United States and Mexico."

Officials at the state department declared if the Spanish word over which distrust has arisen really means only "preferably" there is no harm in it, and Carranza has in fact accepted the recommendation of this government to increase the powers of the commission. If the word should mean "preferentially," they said, it might be construed to mean that Carranza reserved the right to accept or to reject at a later time the American proposal of enlarging the commission's powers. It was said at the Mexican embassy that no doubt need be entertained by this government as to Mexico's earnest desire to reach a satisfactory adjustment of all differences with the United States, and that no obstacle diplomatic or material, would be put in the way of a swift and certain settlement agreeable to both governments.

### The Political Field

Candidate Charles E. Hughes is on his trip across the continent and has made very telling speeches as far as he has gone. He has been in Detroit and Chicago where he was received with the greatest enthusiasm and won the confidence of all who heard him with his frank expression with nothing veiled. This trip of the Republican candidate promises much in the way of gaining friends and aiding in the Republican victory which seems now to be assured.

Mr. Hughes will go to the Pacific coast and return by the southern route speaking on the way, going and coming. He is accompanied by Mrs. Hughes and a veritable army of correspondents. Raymond L. Robins, who was the chairman of the Progressive national convention has refused the proffered place on the Democratic national committee urged upon him by the friends of President Wilson and will give his support to Hughes.

Robins took the failure of the Republican national convention to nominate Roosevelt sorely. National Democratic Chairman McCormick sought to take advantage of this by offering him a Wilson campaign committee place. Robins took it under advisement. Perkins got after him and invited him to New York.

The interview held between Candidate Hughes and Mr. Robins was most satisfactory and the Progressive chairman will be one of the most enthusiastic and valued supporters of the Republican national ticket.

### No Progressive Ticket

At a meeting of leaders attending the Progressive party conference it was decided late last week not to nominate a candidate for president but to appoint an executive committee of 15 to perpetuate the party and adopt resolutions criticizing the National committee for endorsing Hughes in Chicago.

A majority of those present favored putting a third ticket in the field but several influential leaders doubted the wisdom of the action. Every representative agreed, however, that it would be desirable to take some action which would perpetuate political organization.

Chairman Hate was applauded when he said: "We have come here with two ideas. We wish to show that we do not approve of the action of the reactionary wing of the national committee in Chicago, June 26, in endorsing Hughes for president and to take some action to perpetuate the Progressive party."

John M. Parker, of Louisiana, Progressive nominee for vice-president, was given an ovation when he stepped to the platform to address the conference. He was cheered

## THE DOPE IN POLITICS IN THIS STATE

### GOV. McDONALD DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE RISK OF NOMINATION. BURSUM THE BEST BET OF ALL

## POE IS TALKED FOR GOVERNORSHIP

### THE RATON RANGE TELLS OF FLOWERS PURPOSE OF THE SANTA FE NEW MEXICAN. DEMOCRATS EXPECT DEFEAT IN STATE

No one seems to desire the Democratic nomination for Governor. Mr. Poe of Roswell may be drafted and while Mr. Poe is a worthy capable man we are of the opinion that he will afterwards thank himself if he declines the nomination. — Artista News.

### Won't Risk It.

Gov. McDonald is a pretty good sort of a scotchman, but he is soon to be retired by the "unwashed ones," according to the best information at hand; and even though the Gov. has both the gubernatorial and the senatorial bees in his bonnet, his "people" would not permit either one these insects to take their flight before the voting public of the state. Sorry. Well?—Clayton Citizen.

### Very Probable

H. O. Bursum, in all probability will be the nominee of the republican party for governor. If nominated, he is certain to be elected. The News has always been loyal to Mr. Bursum as we regard him as being one of the best men of the state.—Artista News.

### Poe Talked Of

John W. Poe, of Roswell, president of the Citizens National Bank of that place, and president of the state tax commission, is looming larger on the Democratic horizon as a possible candidate for the gubernatorial nomination. The recent emphatic statement by Robert E. Putney, of Albuquerque, in which he reiterated that he would absolutely refuse to consider the nomination, many believe removes him from the list of possible candidates, and leaves Mr. Poe, Senator Isaac Barth, of Albuquerque, and Dr. J. J. Shuler, of Raton, the men most prominently mentioned at the present time, with Lieut. Gov. E. C. de Baca and Secretary of State Antonio Lucero, in the event the party deemed it wise to nominate a Spanish-American.

It is reported from Rio Arriba and San Miguel counties that the nomination of Poe would be well received by the Democrats in those and other native counties. He is looked upon as a man whose candidacy would enthrone eastern New Mexico.

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### That Flower Fragrance

Republican political conversation at this date is taking on a monotony slightly wearying to the nervously disposed—a dreary reiteration of the four over-well-known, politically

when he said: "In the past it was charged that we were controlled by two men, one as leader and the other was credited with buying us. Thank God nobody owns the Progressive party today."

Mr. Parker reviewed the history of the party, praised the platform adopted at the national convention last June and urged that steps be taken to perpetuate the party. He severely criticized the national committee for endorsing Hughes.

frayed cognomens—Catron, Bursum, Romero, Hubbell—Bursum, Hubbard, Catron, Romero—Hubbard, Catron, Romero, Bursum—until one is prompted to ask oneself if by any chance there might be someone else living in New Mexico capable of filling office with efficiency and dignity.

We are making no assault upon these men—they are good enough men, perhaps, at least a part of them are—but the sweetest bouquet grows stale when left standing long enough upon the parlor table. We believe, indeed, that New Mexico is a flourishing garden of political beauty. Why not put a cluster or two of other varieties under the noses of the Republicans of the State and see if their perfume is not pleasing?

The Range has already plucked for consideration a sprig of the Sargent Peach, that hardy grower and prolific bloomer, whose blossoms also are succeeded by wholesome fruits. It has likewise pointed finger to that sturdy American rose of Spanish stock, Hernandez, which has been vigorously blooming in the halls of congress and has been much admired there. The Range is of retiring disposition, and does not wish to thrust every pretty posy in the garden under the voters' noses, but hopes sincerely that other exhibitors may arise and stick a blossom or two in the political vase.

To be sure, the state committee-man has named its favorite flower, called "Little Ralph," which many at first were disposed to admire, but which seems somehow to be losing its first fresh fragrance.—Raton Range.

### The Way It Lives

The New Mexican, the Progressive newspaper organ published at the state capital, is undoubtedly opposed to the nomination or election of Hon. Frank A. Hubbell to the United States senate, or anything else, and there is a reason.

Some years ago a few Republican officials so conducted the affairs of the territory of New Mexico as to bring considerable disgrace upon the party, but fortunately for the Republican party, at the first state election they decided to betray the men who had made them politically possible and organized the Progressive party, for the one and only purpose of getting themselves into office, and as they talked hard, did induce a large number of Republicans to vote with them, and aid that much in the election of Democrats.

The political politics of these men were soon unpopular with the people of the state and although the New Mexican was purchased and supported by the Progressives lost ground until now they have no votes, mainly because the voters refuse to trust the leaders. The New Mexican is not a newspaper, and without the monthly aid of a millionaire sucker the Progressive politicians have been working could not get by one single month with the support the people of the state can be induced to contribute. But the one mission of the New Mexican is to get the three or four men responsible for its existence into office, and to get them in, all others of sufficient prominence to be in the way, must be defamed and gotten rid of.

And that is the reason for the vicious attacks of the New Mexican on Mr. Hubbell. It is a known fact that Mr. Hubbell has no particular use for certain men who dictate the policies of the publication, and it may be expected that everything possible will be done to defame the Benillo county man. And then, Hubbell is not for Santa Fe first.—Las Cruces Citizen.

### Looming Large

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### Sure Defeat

"Any ticket that may be nominated by the Democrats in New Mexico will go down in defeat this year. The one bare exception is in the event that Secundino Romero is nominated for governor."

By heavy odds the most sweeping prophecy of defeat that I have heard on this swing through the state of New Mexico. The strangest part of the prophecy is that it was not made by a Republican, but a Democratic worker, one of the best informed and most effective workers in the state. He is now supporting the Democratic party, and will continue to do so until the votes are counted, but declares he cannot foresee any possibility of success for the party.

This stands out in striking contrast to the belief expressed by state senator Isaac Barth, who is expected by many to be the standard bearer of the Democratic party. He said Saturday evening that he thought this would be a good year for the Democrats. Friends of Barth have said that he believes this will be a good year for the Democrats, and that it is for this reason that he is willing to accept the nomination. It has been pointed out that he is too practical a man to desire to be nominated in a year when the likelihood of election is very slight. The pessimistic leader quoted above continued his dissertation as follows:

"The feeling of utter hopelessness greatest and most widely prevalent in the Pecos valley, which is the strong hold of Democracy in New Mexico. I have recently visited that district and talked with a large number of the Democratic leaders. Not a man in the valley, of state office caliber, is a candidate for office. Reports throughout the state have been that the Pecos valley would demand substantial recognition of the convention.

"There was a time when this was true, but that time is passed. Hill, former president of the New Mexico Educational association, and frequently mentioned as a candidate for state superintendent of education, has changed his plans and sought the nomination for county superintendent of schools. Atkinson, thought to have a good chance for state treasurer. It had been said that Judge Granville A. Richardson would be a candidate for governor or supreme court justice, but he will not be a candidate for any office.

"The 'Spanish-Americans' will nominate and elect a governor or a senator. Sixty-five per cent of the total vote of the state is Spanish-American. If I had the time, and you had the time, we could go through the record of the vote in the last few elections and prove this statement. I think that the Republican ticket will be headed as follows: Holm O. Bursum for governor; Frank A. Hubbell for senator; Ben C. Hernandez for congress; Clarence I. Roberts for the supreme court; O. A. Larrazola attorney general, if he is nominated for any office.—Guthrie Smith in El Paso Herald.

### Ford Not Deadly Weapon

Justice of the Peace C. C. Rogers on Monday collided with a youth on a bicycle, while driving his automobile at the corner of Silver and Pine, but neither of the parties to the accident was injured. Judge Rogers was seriously considering filing a complaint against himsef, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, but he could not find, in any of his legal authorities, where a Ford car is liable to hurt anyone, so he did not take any further steps in the matter.—Deming Headlight.

## HERNANDEZ HAS ARRIVED FROM WASHINGTON

### HE IS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR ANY POSITION BUT THAT OF CONGRESSMAN. WANTS HARMONY. HUGHES' ELECTION SURE

Congressman Benigno Hernandez was in the city on Sunday, leaving for his home in Rio Arriba county on Monday morning. The popular congressman was accepting the greetings of his army of friends in this city and was receiving their congratulations over the record he has made as a member of the lower house of the national legislature. He has achieved a reputation for himself and the critics of two years ago who were so severe in the remarks both printed and spoken are not as free with language as they were on that occasion. He has been careful in the recognition of the desires of his constituents and prompt in the response to all calls and has won a place in the house that is not usually accorded a first term member.

Mr. Hernandez has been called on in the states of the east to aid in the reelection of members of the house of representatives, and the response he has made to the requests has given him a popularity and a recognition of which he may well be proud.

His coming awakened a great deal of interest from the fact that he has been repeatedly mentioned as a possible candidate of his party for both the senatorship and the nomination for governor. There have been divers suggestions of the entrance of a candidate into the arena of state politics and the attention of those who thought of this entry naturally was directed to Benigno Hernandez, whose splendid run of two years ago and whose public record since told all too plainly of his standing in his own state and his ability to meet the requirements of the position to which he had been chosen.

Mr. Hernandez met these suggestions in the manner which might be expected. He declined to be considered as a candidate for either position, being satisfied with the re-nomination to congress, and even said that if it seemed best for the interests of the party that some other man be nominated in his place he would yield gracefully and support the nominee. There is not a Republican in the state who would listen to this suggestion for one moment as Ben Hernandez has won the hearts of the people of New Mexico.

His declaration to be considered for and other position shows his loyalty to his party as he himself declared that he would do nothing to inject any troubles within the party ranks and that there must be harmony and good feeling on all sides. It was but further evidence of the level headedness and patriotic spirit of this popular New Mexico official.

Touching the national situation Mr. Hernandez declared that there was not the least doubt among the people of the east that Hughes would be the next president. The opposition to the policy of Wilson has taken deep root and all the eastern states are aroused to the situation. There seems to be no doubt in the minds of those who are best qualified to judge that New York will be in the republican column and that the fighting ground in Indiana and Illinois will be won by Hughes. Ohio is past the doubtful stage and is counted on as sure. Congressman Hernandez says that the nomination of Hughes found a most ready response with the voters of the country and he feels that the next house of representatives will be Republican with strong probabilities that the senate will also be controlled by the members of that party.

George Boringer, of the Eagle was called to Raton last week by a telegram announcing the sudden death of his brother John who was one of the pioneers of this section having come to Raton in 1882.

## MAN BEHIND IS TRUE TEST OF THE VALUE

### HUGHES' SPEECH RESTS IN ITS FORCE ON THE MAN BACK OF IT. DEMOCRATS NEED MOOSE SUPPORT

## THE DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN SO FUNNY

### SAYS WILSON WILL NOT PLAY POLITICS. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, NON PARTISAN, SAYS REPUBLICANS WILL WIN

Washington, Aug. 9.—The republican Publicity Association, through its President, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., today gave out the following statement from its Washington Headquarters:

"The chief value of the Hughes speech of acceptance lies not so much in the information it contains as in the picture and impression it gives of the American people of the man behind the speech. In the coming election as never before, we shall vote for men—not words. In the three years just past we have learned the futility of voting for empty promises. We have had a demonstration of the uselessness of empty phrases backed only by a weak and vacillating personality. The American voter today is reading between the lines to find the quality of the man, and when he reads the Hughes speech he was impressed with the sincerity, the dignity and the stability of the speaker.

"It was a straightforward statement of facts and discussion of issues, without any of that impulsive extravagance of utterance which has so often led Mr. Wilson into humiliating retractions and reversals. There was no 'play to the galleries.' It was the thought, the feeling and the language of the statesman, rather than of the mere politician. It was gratifying and encouraging, therefore, to those millions of Americans who have become tired of speeches made merely to catch votes and who earnestly desire as the head of this nation a man who will represent sound economic policies at home and who will maintain the rights and prestige of the United States and its citizens in every land and on every sea."

### Appeals To Moose

Wilson's appeal for Bull Moose support is merely a confession of the truth which everyone knows—namely, that there are not Democrats enough in this country to carry a national election. In every campaign we become familiar with the Democratic candidate who solicits the support of his Republican acquaintances. Some times it is on the ground of friendship. Sometimes it is on the ground of some special piece of legislation or administration in which the candidate avows a particular interest. But whatever the excuse, the result aimed at is the same—the detachment of enough votes from the Republican side to secure a victory for a Democrat. Generally speaking the men on the ticket are not enamored of a colleague who thus plays his own hand selfishly—and we doubt if the Democratic candidates for State office, for Congress and the Senate will take with great kindness to Wilson's special plea for Moose support for himself. But it is instructive to note this early in the canvass the President's conviction that his own party is not strong enough to re-elect him.

### Dry Moriarty.

Moriarty went dry last Monday. Eighty-nine votes were cast at the election—nineteen more than anyone predicted when the polls opened. Forty-nine votes were cast for Prohibition, thirty eight Against Prohibition and two ballots were marked that they could not be counted.